JAPESE HOMESTAY STUDENT ACCEPTANCE PACKAGE

Thank you for your interest in hosting a Japanese student in 2012. Our feedback from previous years has shown that hosting a student can be a rich and rewarding experience for all involved. Many students form lasting friendships from these initial visits and they are a great opportunity for having fun and increasing inter-cultural understanding.

Honjo High School
We have been hosting a group of students from Honjo High School each year for six years. Some of our students have also stayed with Honjo students on our Japan Tour. Our feedback has been that our students and the Honjo students have a lot in common. We are very pleased to be able to offer them a homestay experience this year and hope it will be a welcome contrast to the difficulties being experienced in Japan.

Dates
The students will be staying with us from Sunday, 29th July to Monday, 6th August. Over a number of years, we have received visits from Japanese students for varying periods of time and our feedback suggests that a week is about the right length of time for a visit.

Limited Number of Students
There will only be 20 Japanese students requiring homestay, spread over all three campuses. Of these, only a limited number will be male. To secure a homestay student, please return the documentation as soon as possible.

Application Package
To minimise the number of times that families need to fill out forms, we have tried to include all the relevant forms in this single package. Having said this, there still may be other documentation required. More copies of this application package can be obtained from campus offices.

Return of Documentation
Students should return all documentation to Campus Offices.

Payment
Families will receive a payment for each student hosted. This payment is designed to help with the cost of providing homestay. This payment will be approximately $180 per student, although the exact amount may vary once the budget for the visit is finalised.

Homestay Family Information Evening
When applications have been received, an information evening will be held for Homestay families. The details of this meeting will be forwarded by email. On this evening, we hope to be able to offer assistance with the process of obtaining WWC checks.

Working with Children Checks
The Department of Education requires that all members of homestay families have a Working with Children (WWC) check. This applies to all residents of the address where the students will be staying, over the age of 18. Some people may already have a current WWC check. If so, all you need to do is supply evidence of it. The school has a record of the WWC checks obtained by host families in previous years.

Family members who do not have a WWC check will need to fill out an application form. The forms require 100 points of ID and need to be submitted at Post Offices. The school will provide more information and assistance in relation to this at a later date.
Homestay Requirements
The Japanese students need their own beds, but not their own rooms. They can stay with a homestay buddy or member of the family of the same gender. They eat the same meals as their homestay families and they go to school with their homestay buddies on school days. On the weekend, they join their homestay families to experience everyday life in Australia. Homestay families can take them on special outings if they wish, but joining in normal family activities is also very interesting for Japanese students. The students are also interested in experiencing Australia’s multicultural lifestyle, which they cannot experience in Japan. We hope to be able to house them with families from a range of cultural backgrounds, both with families born here and those from overseas.

Gender Matching
Where possible, we match boys with boys and girls with girls. However, we tend to have more female students from Japan and more boys from Australia. Sometimes, where there are other female children in the family, we ask male EKC students whether they would be prepared to host a female Japanese student.

Email Address Required
One of the difficulties of organising a visit such as this is contacting students from a range of classes spread over three different campuses. From now on, therefore, most communication will be by email. Please provide a current email address, which is likely to be checked regularly. It is preferable for this to be the email address of an adult family member, but where this is not possible, a student email address can be supplied.

Application Procedures
To apply to be a homestay family in 2012, please complete the following documentation, which is included in this package:
- Application form
- Homestay Family Information Sheet
- Activities Permission Form

Application Form
I have read the information above and I am interested in hosting a Japanese student from 29th July to 6th August, 2012.

EKC Student Name: ___________________________________ Campus: __________ Class: __________

Parent or Guardian Name/s: __________________________ Signature/s

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EMAIL ADDRESS (required): ________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

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**Homestay Family’s Address:**

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Postcode: ___________________ Telephone: +61 (0)3___________________

Email address: ___________________________________________________

**Message:**

(Can be a message from the family and/or the buddy as appropriate. Please write a brief welcome message.)

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Honjo High School Homestay Visit 2012
Activities Permission Form

During the Honjo High School visit, a range of activities will be organised for the Japanese visitors. Their homestay buddies may be invited to some of these, including excursions to well known tourist attractions. Homestay families will be given full notification of this program closer to the date by email, at the email addresses supplied above. Please sign the permission form below to allow your child to participate in the full program of activities.

I give permission for my child to participate in the full range of programs and excursions organised for the Honjo High School visit from the 29th July to the 6th August 2012. I agree that my child shall be subject to the control of staff members accompanying any excursions which are organized. I authorize the teacher in charge of any such excursions to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I will bear the cost of any such treatment.

I consent to my photographs of my child, taken during the visit, being used in school publicity, including online and in the school magazine. [Delete if you do not consent.]

Student Name: _________________________________________ Campus: ______________ Class: _______

Signature of parent/guardian: ______________________________ Date: ______________

Emergency Contact Phone No: ______________________________